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THE DATA PROCESSING METHOD

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination thereof, in the following manner.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 4, insert, -This application is a Continuation-in-Part and claims the benefit of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/467,231 filed December 20, 1999, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

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